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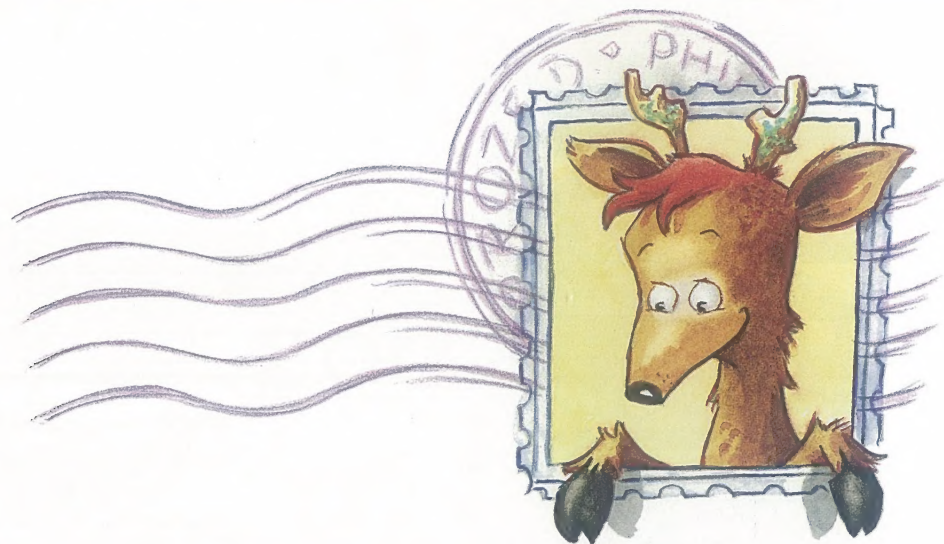
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A NOTE TO THE READER

Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings, such as *moose* (the animal) and *mousse* (the dessert). *Homonyms* are words that sound the same and are spelled the same but have different meanings, such as *bowl* (a round dish) and *bowl* (the sport).



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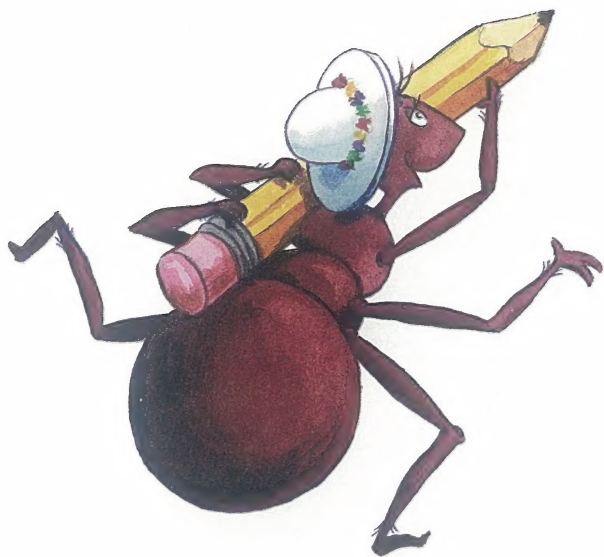
Designed by Laurent Linn

*For my Dearest Leslie (I'm still fawning)
and all my special Ants: Jané, Kathy, Elaine,
Caroline, Dot, Dee, Sandi, Norma, Josie*

—Love, Gene

DEAR DEER,
I now live at the zoo. Wait until you HEAR
what goes on over **HERE**.

Love,
AUNT ANT

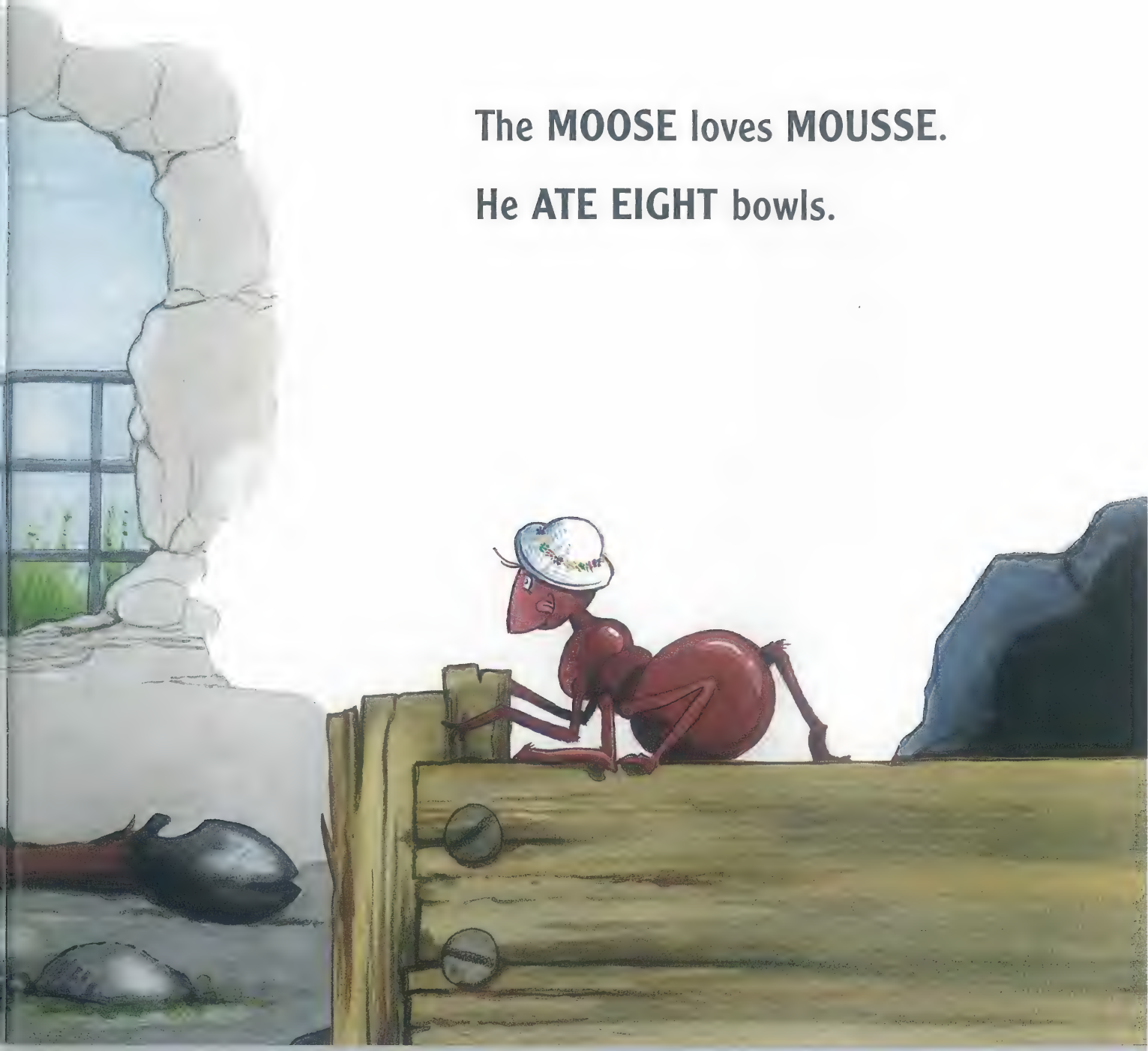






The **MOOSE** loves **MOUSSE**.

He **ATE EIGHT** bowls.



Have **YOU** seen the **EWE**?

She's been in a **DAZE** for **DAYS**.





That's **HIM**, the **HORSE** who is
HOARSE from humming a **HYMN**.








It's quite a **FEAT** when the bat
hangs from his **FEET**.



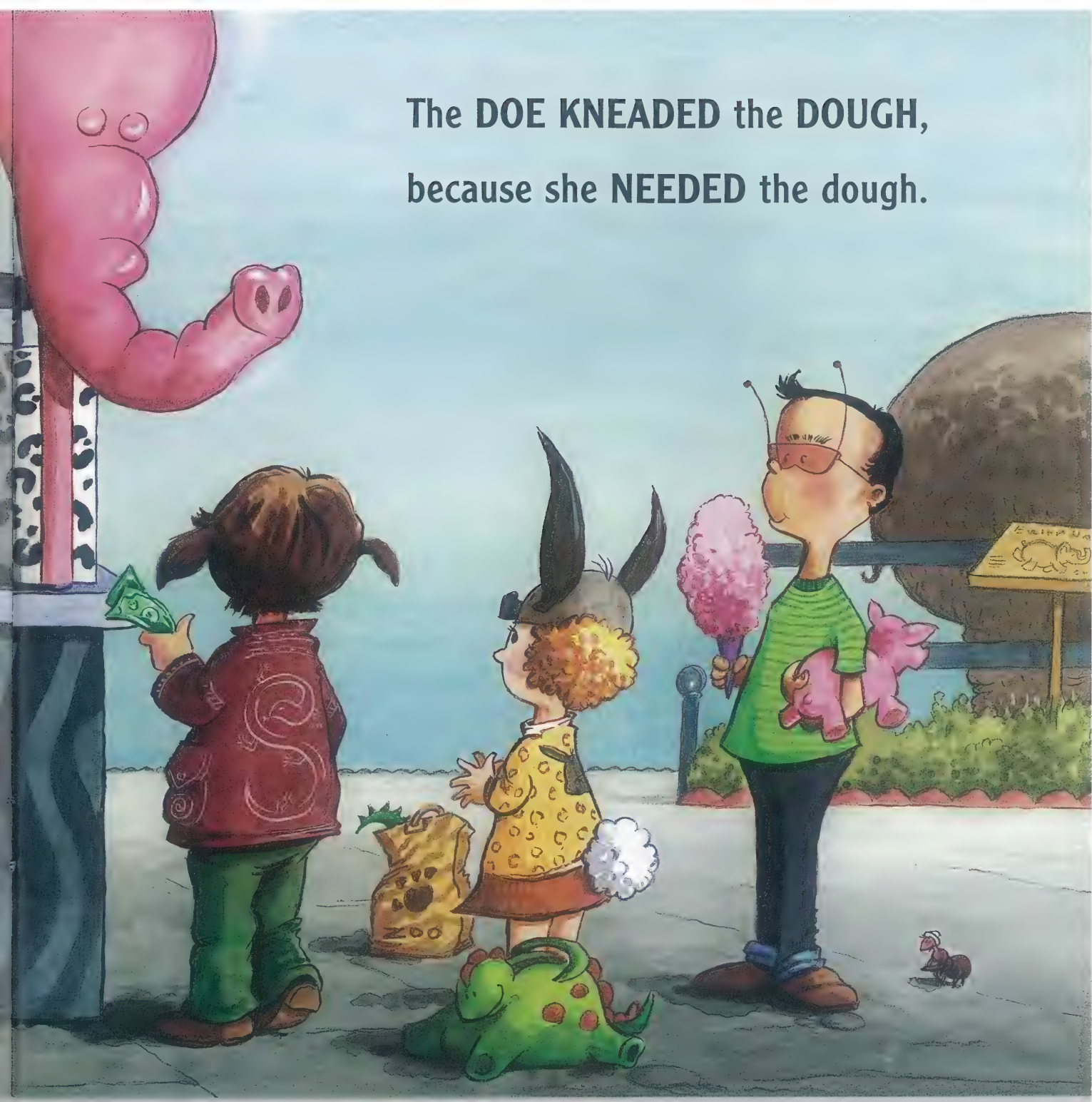
A whimsical illustration of a monkey hanging from a tree branch. The monkey is small and pinkish-red, with a white face and a small white hat. It is hanging from a dark, thick branch that extends horizontally across the upper part of the image. The background is a pale yellow sky. Below the branch, there are green plants and bushes. The overall style is soft and painterly.

The monkey will tell
you a **TALE** as he
hangs from his **TAIL**.

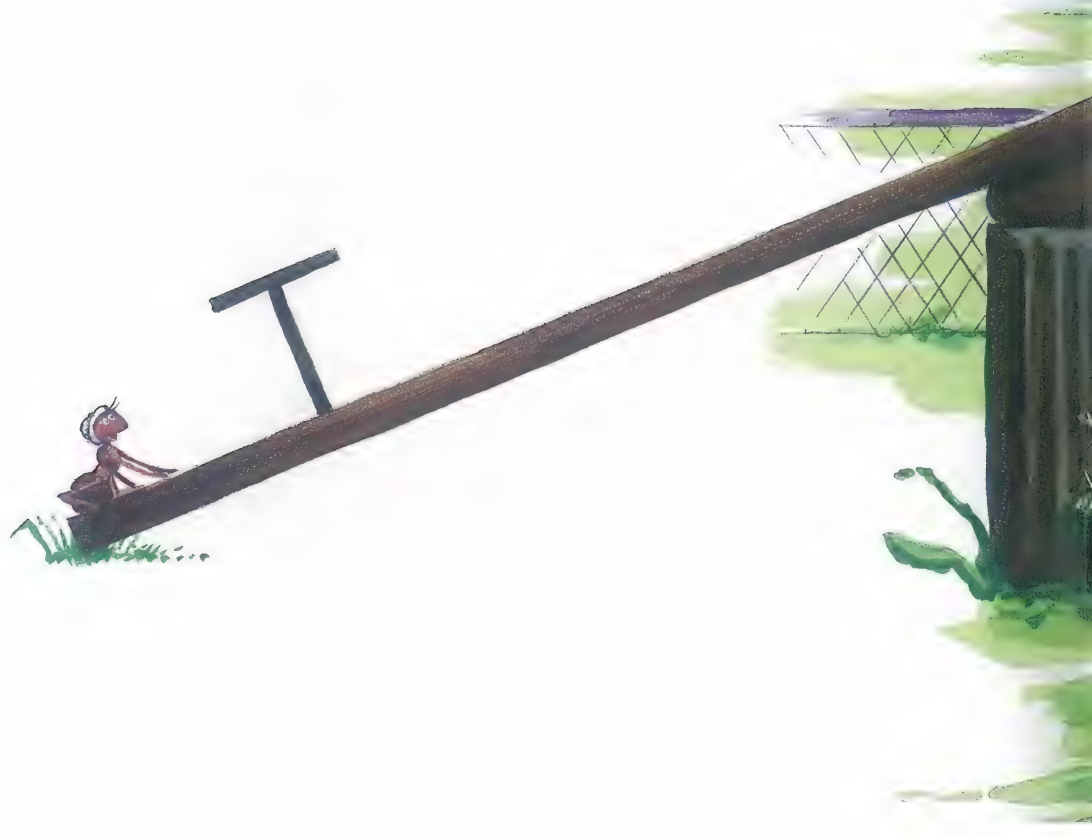




The DOE KNEADED the DOUGH,
because she NEEDED the dough.



The **TOAD** was **TOWED**
to the top of the seesaw,
so he could **SEE** the **SEA**.



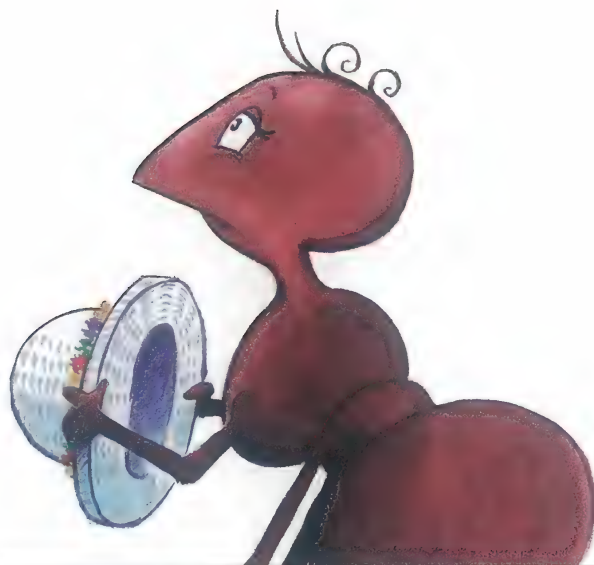
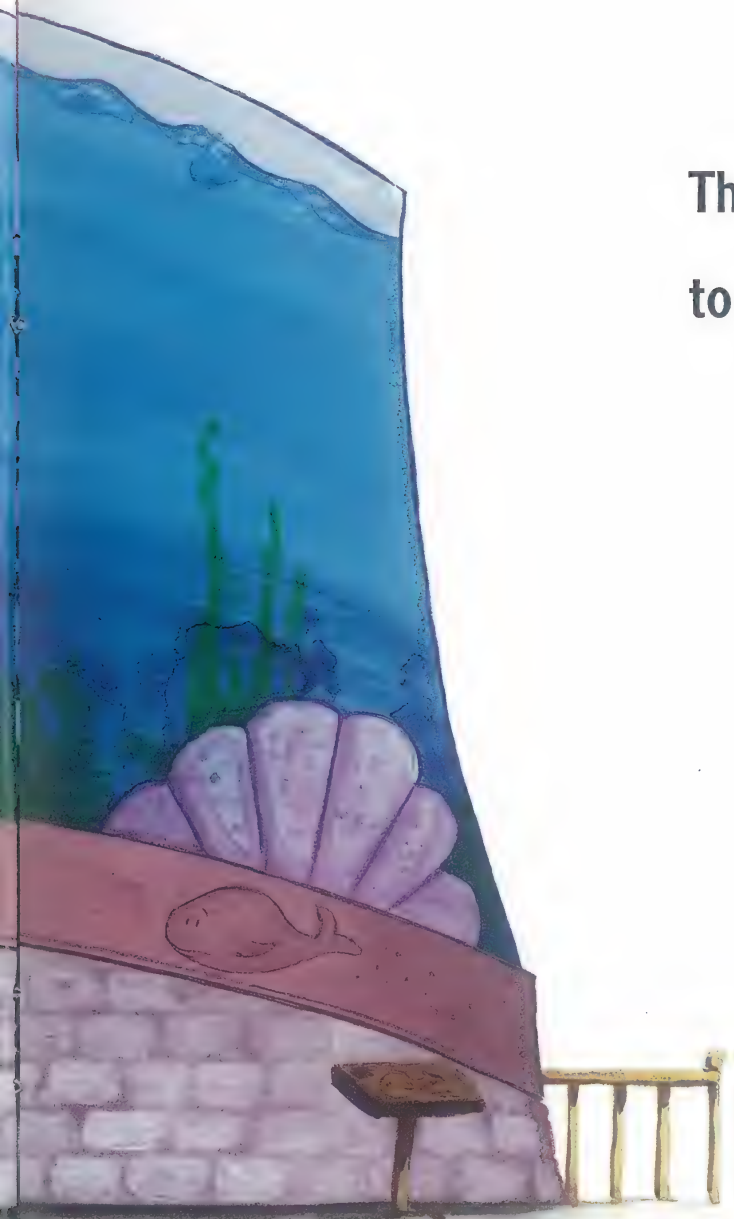




THE GREAT
WAILING WHALE



The **WHALE** was **ALLOWED**
to **WAIL ALOUD**.



The BEAR had to PAUSE
to BARE his big PAWS.



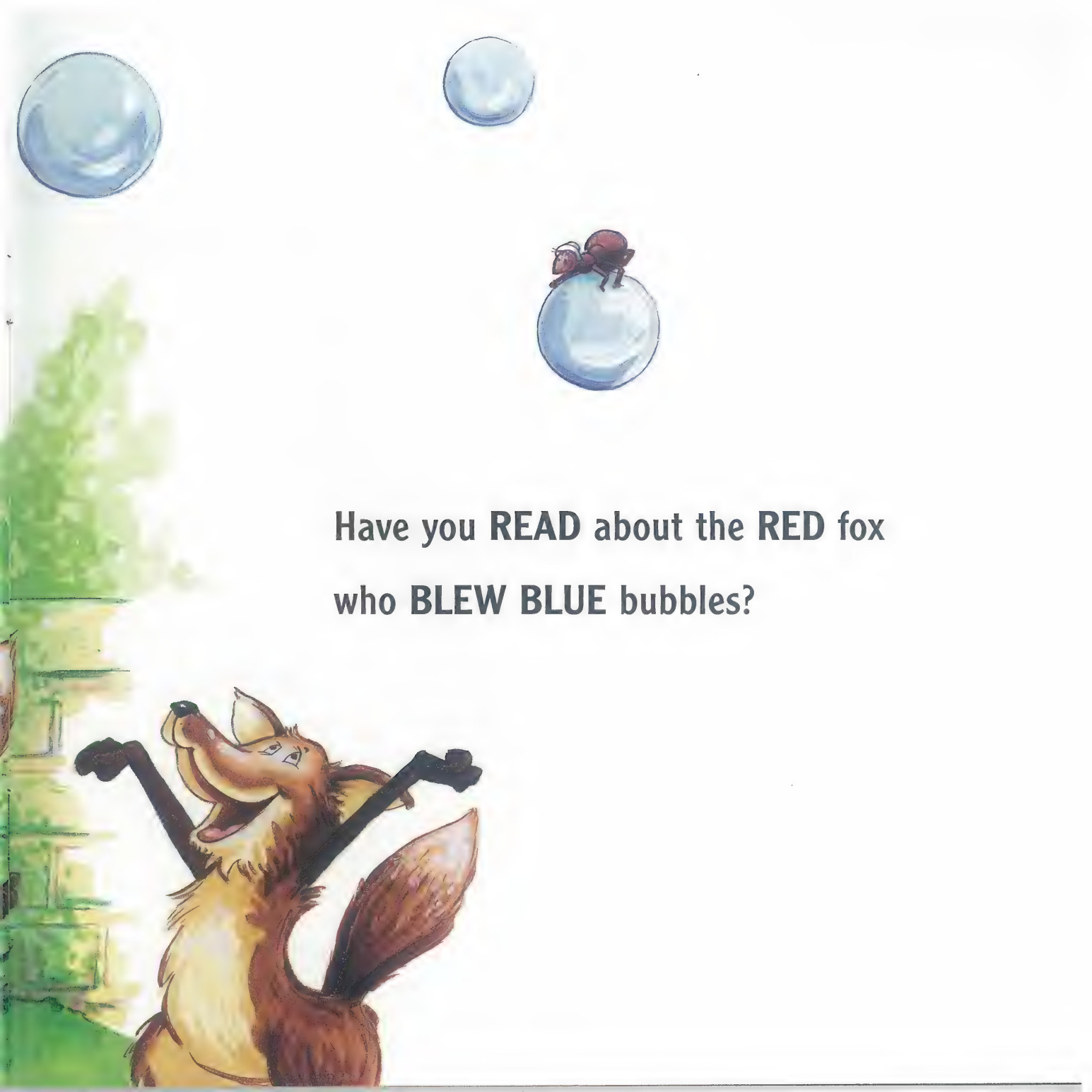




**HEY, the elephant THREW a pail
THROUGH the big bale of HAY!**







Have you **READ** about the **RED** fox
who **BLEW BLUE** bubbles?

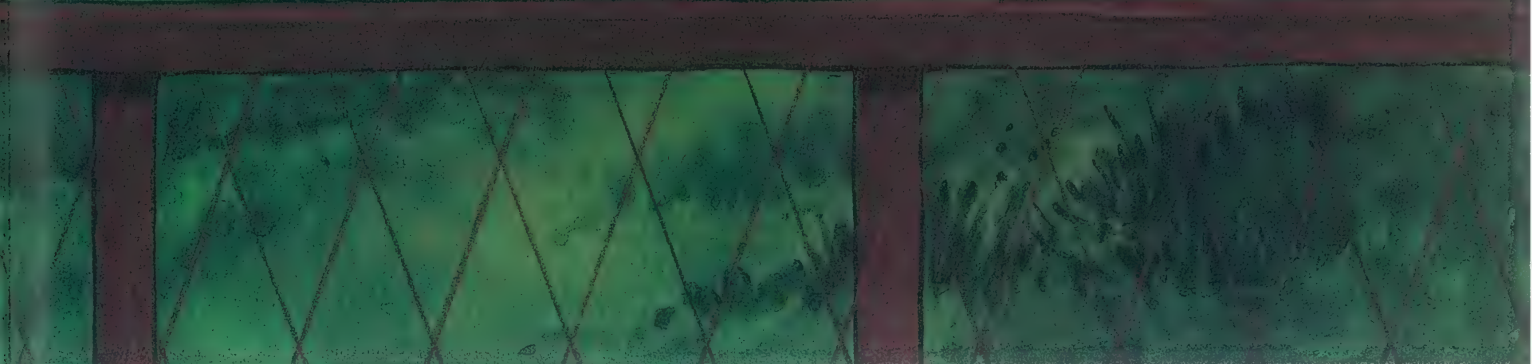


The giraffe's long neck
lets him **CHOOSE**
what he **CHEWS**.



The cows in the **HERD**
were in a good **MOOD**.
I **HEARD** them as they
MOOED in harmony.





The bee **FLEW** away from the flea
with the **FLU**. And the **BEE** can
BE sure that if he had the flu the
FLEA would **FLEE**, too.





There is no **NEWS** about the **GNUS**.





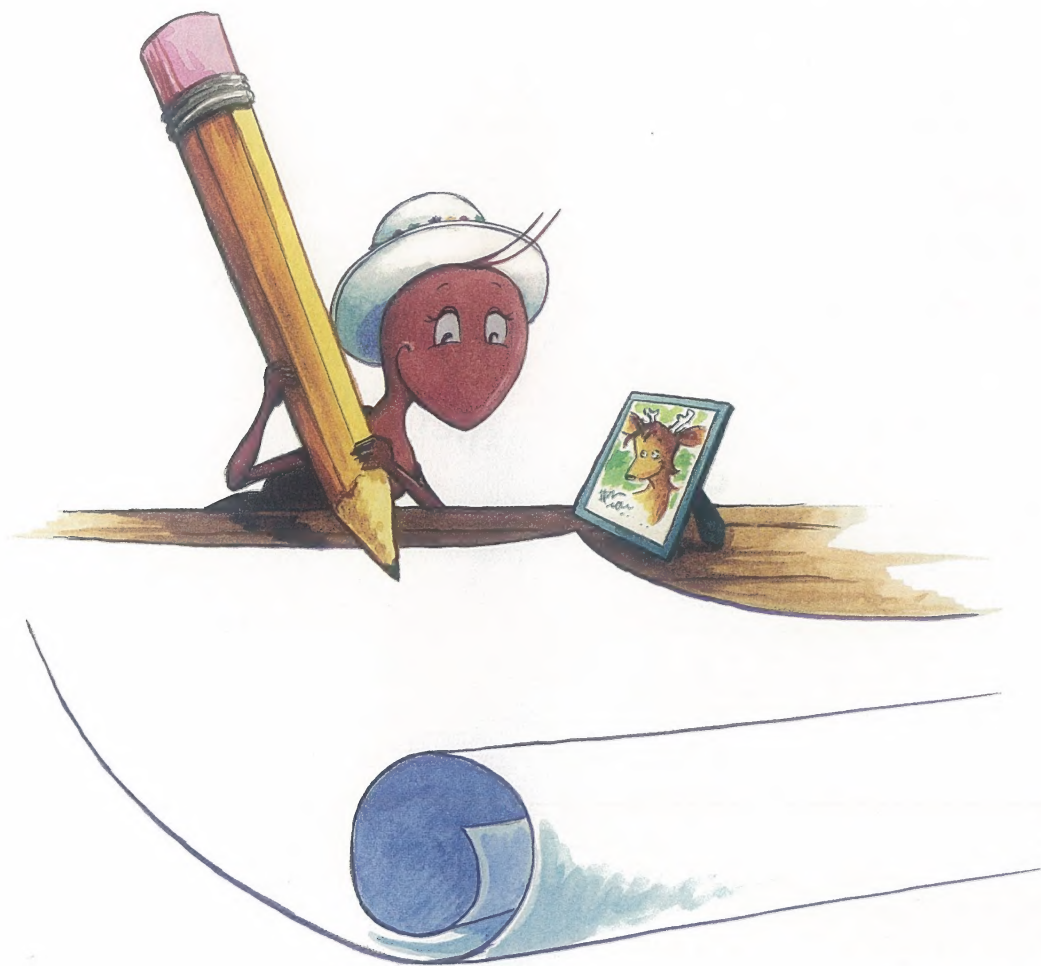
They keep to themselves.



AUNT ANT,
You do have some very interesting new
neighbors. I have a new neighbor, too!
Do you **KNOW** about the **HARE** with
NO HAIR? She's an expert on skin care.

Love,
Your **DEAR DEER**







Meet all of AUNT ANT's new friends at the zoo!
Just wait until you HEAR what happens in HERE.
This book is filled with fun animals and homophones,
just like the WAILING WHALE, and the HOARSE HORSE.
So hurry up and start reading, the EWE is waiting for YOU!



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